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Draft report

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Chapter ____
Attendance and organization of work

A. Date and place of the International Meeting

1. The International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States was held in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 10 to 14 January 2005, in conformity with General Assembly resolutions 58/213 A of 23 December 2003 and 58/213 B of 10 June 2004. During that period, the International Meeting held ___ plenary meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The following States and regional economic integration organizations were represented at the International Meeting:

Algeria
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Cambodia
Canada
Cape Verde
Chile
China
Comoros
Cook Islands
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark

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Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
European Community
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Holy See
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Kiribati
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Monaco
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Nauru
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Niue
Norway
Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Singapore
Solomon Islands
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Switzerland
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Tuvalu
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
Unites States of America
Vanuatu
Yemen
Zimbabwe

3. The following associate members of the regional commissions were represented by observers:

Anguilla
Aruba
French Polynesia
Guam
Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles
New Caledonia
Puerto Rico
United States Virgin Islands

4. The secretariats of the following regional commissions were represented:

Economic Commission for Africa
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

5. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented:

Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
International Narcotics Control Board
Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries
Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator
United Nations Children's Fund
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Environment Programme
United Nations Human Settlements Programme
United Nations Population Fund
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
United Nations University

6. The secretariats of the following conventions were represented:

Convention on Biological Diversity
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

7. The following specialized agencies and related organizations were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
International Civil Aviation Organization
International Fund for Agricultural Development
International Labour Organization
International Monetary Fund
International Telecommunication Union
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
World Bank

World Health Organization
World Meteorological Organization
World Tourism Organization
World Trade Organization

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

African Development Bank
African Union
Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee
Asian Development Bank
Asian and Pacific Coconut Community
Association of Caribbean States
Basel Convention (Caribbean) Regional Centre
Caribbean Community
Caribbean Development Bank
Common Fund for Commodities
Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International
Commonwealth Secretariat
Global Environment Facility
International Hydrographic Organization
International Organization of la Francophonie
International Organization for Migration
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
South African Development Community
South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission

9. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the International Meeting. The Commission on Sustainable Development, acting as the preparatory committee of the International Meeting, and the International Meeting accredited non-governmental organizations (see E/CN.17/2004/9 and A/59/409 and Corr.1).

10. Having received a standing invitation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies participated as an observer.

C. Opening of the International Meeting

11. The International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States was opened on 10 January 2005 by the Secretary-General of the International Meeting. The President of the International Meeting delivered an opening statement. A statement was also made by the Secretary-General of the International Meeting.

D. Election of the President and other officers of the International Meeting

12. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 January 2005, the International Meeting elected the following officers:

President

Paul Raymond Bérenger, Prime Minister of Mauritius, was elected President of the International Meeting by acclamation.

Vice-Presidents

African States: Cape Verde, Mauritius and Morocco
Eastern European States: Croatia, Czech Republic and Lithuania
Latin American and Caribbean States: Bahamas, Barbados and Belize
Western European and Other States: Belgium, Italy and New Zealand
Asian States: Nauru, Timor-Leste and Tuvalu

Vice-President ex officio

Pravin Kumar Jugnauth, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Mauritius, was elected Vice-President ex officio of the International Meeting by acclamation.

Rapporteur-General

Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations in New York, was elected Rapporteur-General of the International Meeting by acclamation.

Chairman of the Main Committee

Don MacKay, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations in New York, was elected Chairman of the Main Committee of the International Meeting by acclamation.

E. Adoption of the rules of procedure

13. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 January 2005, the International Meeting adopted the rules of procedure (see A/CONF.207/2).

F. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

14. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 January 2005, the International Meeting adopted the agenda as contained in document A/CONF.207/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Opening of the International Meeting.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Election of officers other than the President.
5. Adoption of the agenda: accreditation of intergovernmental organizations and major groups.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee.

7. Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

8. Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

9. Adoption of the final outcomes of the International Meeting.

10. Adoption of the report of the International Meeting.

11. Closure of the International Meeting.

G. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

15. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 January 2005, the International Meeting, in accordance with document A/CONF.207/6 and Add.1, approved the accreditation of two intergovernmental organizations: the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission and Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International.

H. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee

16. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 January 2005, the International Meeting approved the organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.207/4.

17. At the same meeting, the International Meeting approved the proposed timetable of work for the International Meeting and the Main Committee as contained in the annex to document A/CONF. 207/4.

I. Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting

18. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 January, the International Meeting endorsed the recommendation that rule 51.2 of the rules of procedure be suspended in order that the Credentials Committee be convoked with the following members present: China, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America.

J. Documentation

19. The list of documents before the International Meeting is contained in annex ___ to the present report.